

Who can be hurt by Poisons?

ANYONE!

You, your parents, your siblings, even the family pet! So everyone needs to be aware of potential dangers of different poisons. You can help make everyone more aware and more SAFE around Poisons!



Be Smart-Be Safe!
Learn about Poison
Safety!



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Poison Safety
for Kids

What every
kid should
know!



What is a Poison?

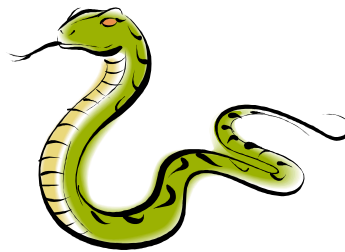
A poison is something that can make you sick. Some things may be okay for grownups to have or handle, but are very dangerous for kids. Things like cleaning supplies, medications, chemicals and many others.

Some things can be good for you and your body when taken correctly, like medications or vitamins. But when a person takes too much of a good thing, that same vitamin or medication can become dangerous and harmful to your body.

Some things are okay to use in one way, but not in another. Detergent does a great job of washing your clothes or dishes. But it should never be swallowed. Bug spray can be great to keep the Mosquitoes away, but can be harmful if used for other purposes.



Some plants are poisonous, and can even give you a rash if you touch them, such as poison oak and poison ivy. Be sure to be on the look out for these when you are out exploring the great outdoors!



Some animals, like certain snakes, can poison you. You should always be cautious and sure of the type of snake you're dealing with before touching one or picking one up.

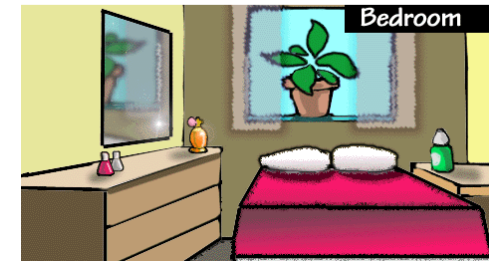
How do Poisons get into your body and hurt you?

- *Tasting
- *Swallowing
- *Smelling
- *Touching
- *Eye Contact

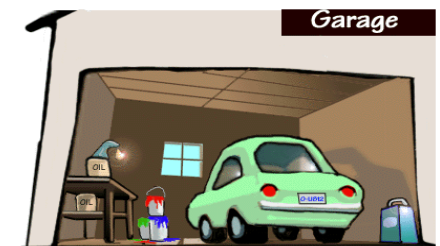
Poisons can be found all around your home. Can you find the poisons in each of the 4 rooms?



Can you find 4 yucky things in the bedroom?



Can you find 3 poisons in the garage?



I can see 3 poisons here. Can you?



There are 4 poisons in here. See them?

